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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ingrid Zulma Benoit VAN DE VOORDE, et al. Attorney Docket Q62184

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For: METHOD TO DIVIDE UPSTREAM TIMESLOTS IN A TIME DIVISION MULTIPLEX  
ACCESS SYSTEM, RELATED LINE TERMINATOR AND RELATED NETWORK  
TERMINATOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading --Background of the Invention--.

Page 1, paragraph beginning at line 4, replace with the following paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a method to divide upstream timeslots in a time division multiple access system as [specified in the non-characteristic part of claim 1] and to a related line terminator and a related network terminator [as specified in the characteristic parts of claims 2 and 3].

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after line 23, insert the heading --Summary of the Invention--.